

REMARKS

Claims 1-78 are subject to a restriction requirement. Specifically, the claims are restricted to the following inventions:

- I. Claims 1-13, 16-19, 26-39, 54-57 and 74-78 drawn to dilation catheter/system/kit/apparatus.
- II. Claims 14-15, 40-53 and 58-73 drawn to infusion catheter.
- III. Claim 20 drawn to a method of making a catheter.
- IV. Claims 21-25 drawn to a filtering device.

Applicants elect Group I with traverse.

In addition, the Patent Office restricts the claims with respect to species A-ZZ. Applicants elect species HH: Figures 49A, 49B and 52 with traverse. Applicants assert that the elected claims read on the elected species.

Applicants traverse the restriction of the claims into Groups I-IV for the following reasons. In some embodiments, without limitation thereto, Claims 58-60 currently identified in Group II, are drawn to occlusion and profusion; and therefore belong in Group I. Similarly, in some embodiments, without limitation thereto, claims 69-73 currently identified in Group II, are drawn to occlusion and profusion; and therefore also belong in Group I. Also, in some embodiments, without limitation thereto, Claim 20 currently identified in Group III, is drawn to a method of making a balloon, not a catheter, as identified by the Patent Office. Hence, Applicants assert that claim 20 is directed to occlusion as well and belongs in Group I.

Applicants also disagree with the restriction of the claims to species A-ZZ. Specifically, Applicants assert that in some embodiments, without limitation thereto, Figures 7-21 currently identified in species C-M may be read on by the claims currently identified in Group IV. Similarly, in some embodiments, without limitation thereto, Figures 22-24, currently identified in species N-O may be read on by the claims of a

single group. Similarly, in some embodiments, without limitation thereto, Figures 25-29, currently identified in species P-Q may be read on by the claims of a single group. Similarly, in some embodiments, without limitation thereto, Figures 44-47, currently identified in species CC-FF may be read on by the claims of a single group. Similarly, in some embodiments, without limitation thereto, Figures 48-53, currently identified in species GG-II may be read on by the claims currently identified in Group I. Specifically, Applicants traverse the restriction with respect to species GG, HH and II, and assert that according to some embodiments, Figures 48-53 may be directed to the same device or method. Similarly, in some embodiments, without limitation thereto, Figures 57-62, currently identified in species JJ-OO may be read on by the claims of a single group. Similarly, in some embodiments, without limitation thereto, Figures 75-81, currently identified in species UU-VV may be read on by the claims of a single group. Similarly, in some embodiments, without limitation thereto, Figures 86-89, currently identified in species XX-ZZ may be read on by the claims of a single group.



CONCLUSION

Hence, Applicants respectfully request the Patent Office allow elected claims 1-13, 16-19, 20, 26-39, 54-57, and 74-78.

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